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DATE: April 6, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Anton-Argires, Inc. -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled product was distributed in Indiana. These items were distributed in Illinois through retail stores, direct home delivery and through mail order. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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Anton-Argires, Inc. Recalls Salted Pistachio Kernels & Its Deluxe Mixed Nuts (Roasted And/Or Salted) Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:
George Argires
1-800-837-0100

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Alsip, IL -- April 3, 2009 -- **Anton-Argires, Inc. of Alsip, IL** is recalling its **14oz & 16oz Roasted (No Salt) Deluxe Mixed Nuts, its 14oz & 16oz Salted Deluxe Mixed Nuts, and its 13oz Salted Pistachio Kernels**, because the roasted and or salted pistachio kernels contained in them have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

These items were distributed in Illinois through retail stores, direct home delivery and through mail order. *This recall is in compliance with the Setton Farms (Terra Bella, CA) recall of its roasted and/or salted pistachio kernels that our company used to make these products.*

The products being recalled have an ARGIRES logo on them. They are packaged in clear, recloseable containers (tubs). Pack dates subject to recall are 08270 to 09089 (YYDDD) or 2702008 to 0892009 (DDDDYY). UPC Code Numbers for the products recalled during the pack dates listed above include: 079003736117 (Tub Salted Pistachio Kernels 13oz), 079003743054 (Tub Deluxe Salted Mixed Nuts 14oz), 079003743061 (Tub Deluxe Salted Mixed Nuts 16oz),

079003743311 (Tub Deluxe Roasted Mixed Nuts 14oz), 0790037437078 (Tub Deluxe Salted Mixed Nuts 16oz), 079003302411 (Bag Salted Deluxe Mixed Nuts 16oz).

No illnesses have been reported to date.

Consumers who have purchased the brand Argires shelled salted pistachios or deluxe salted or roasted mixed nuts are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-800-837.0100.)

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